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UNEMPLOYED YOUTH IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have estimated the percentage of unemployed in the age group of 15 to 29 years pertaining to rural and urban areas at the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said percentage is higher in comparison to Eighth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for increase in percentage?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

a) to d) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through Labour Force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) from time to time. As per these surveys carried out during 1993-94 and 1999-2000, estimated unemployment rates among youth (age-group 15-29 years) in Rural and Urban areas of the country based on Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status approach were as given below.

Year	Unemployment rates among youth (age-group 15-29 years)	
	Rural (%)	Urban (%)
1993-94	2.9	10.8
1999-2000	3.7	11.2

Major reasons that may have resulted in an increase in unemployment rates include lack of growth of the economy at the desired rate and the mismatch in the demand and supply of manpower in the labour market.